

VISAS AND VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

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The American Chargé d'Affaires to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

No. 106

MANAGUA, July 10, 1925

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to confirm as follows the agreement arrived at this morning between Your Excellency and the writer with respect to the mutual modification by the Governments of the United States and Nicaragua of the requirements at present in force with respect to passport visas and applications therefor:

The Government of the United States will, from the 20th of July, 1925, collect no fee for visaing passports or executing applications therefor, in the case of citizens of the Republic of Nicaragua desiring to visit the United States (including the insular possessions) who are not "immigrants" as defined in the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924;² namely, (1) a government official, his family, attendants, servants, and employees, (2) an alien visiting the United States temporarily as a tourist or temporarily for business or pleasure, (3) an alien in continuous transit through the United States, (4) an alien lawfully admitted to the United States who later goes in transit from one part of the United States to another through foreign contiguous territory, (5) a bona fide alien seaman serving as such on a vessel arriving at a port of the United States and seeking to enter temporarily the United States solely in the pursuit of his calling as a seaman, and (6) an alien entitled to enter the United States solely to carry on trade under and in pursuance of the provisions of a present existing treaty of commerce and navigation; and from the same date the Government of Nica-

¹ 10 UST 1696; TIAS 4319.

² 43 Stat. 153.

ragua will not require non-immigrant citizens of the United States of like classes desiring to visit Nicaragua or its possessions, to present visaed passports.

I avail myself of the opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration and esteem.

WALTER C. THURSTON

His Excellency

Señor Don JOSÉ ANDRÉS URTECHO,
Minister for Foreign Affairs.
Managua.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Chargé d'Affaires

[TRANSLATION]

NATIONAL PALACE

MANAGUA, July 16, 1925

No. 449

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to confirm to you as follows the agreement arrived at this morning between Your Excellency and the undersigned with respect to the reciprocal modifications by the Governments of Nicaragua and the United States, of the requirements now in force relative to passport applications and visas.

The Government of Nicaragua will, from July 20, 1925, collect no fee for visaing passports or executing applications therefor, in the case of citizens of the Republic of the United States desiring to visit Nicaragua (including its insular possessions) who are not immigrants, as defined in the following manner by the Immigration Law of the United States of 1924, namely:

“(1) Government officials, their families, attendants, servants and other employees;

“(2) Aliens visiting the United States temporarily as tourists or on a pleasure or business trip;

“(3) Aliens in uninterrupted or continuous transit through the United States;

“(4) Aliens legally admitted to the United States who afterward pass in transit from one part of the United States to another through foreign contiguous territory;

“(5) Bonafide alien seamen serving in such capacity on board a vessel arriving at a port of the United States in a temporary entry into the United States, solely for purposes of their calling as seamen, and

"(6) Aliens authorized to enter the United States solely for purposes of trade in accordance with and in pursuance to the provisions of a treaty of commerce and navigation now in force."

And from the same date, the Government of the United States will not require non-immigrant citizens of Nicaragua, of the same classes, desiring to visit the United States or its possessions to present their passports to be visaed.

I avail myself of the opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances etc., etc.,

J. A. URTECHO

Honorable WALTER C. THURSTON
*Chargé d'Affaires of the
United States of America,
Legation*

The American Chargé d'Affaires to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

MANAGUA, July 17, 1925

MY DEAR DOCTOR URTECHO:

Upon again reading your note regarding the visa fee arrangement, I have observed that owing to the accidental reversal of the construction the exact meaning is lost.

The effect of the arrangement is that the Government of the United States waives the collection of the \$10 fee at present charged non-immigrant Nicaraguan citizens for the visaing of their passports or for the applications therefor, but continues (in view of the special immigration problem which confronts it) to require that Nicaraguan citizens going to the United States present visaed passports; and that the Government of Nicaragua ceases to require American citizens of like classes desiring to visit Nicaragua to present visaed passports.

By following the exact construction of my note, but in Spanish, of course, your note will be made to meet the intention of the agreement.

Sincerely,

WALTER C. THURSTON

His Excellency
Doctor Don JOSÉ ANDRÉS URTECHO,
*Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Managua.*

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Chargé d'Affaires

[TRANSLATION]

NATIONAL PALACE
MANAGUA, July 18, 1925

No. 453

EXCELLENCY:

Referring to your kind letter of the 17th instant, I take pleasure in amplifying or modifying as follows my note of the 16th of the current month.

For the effects of the agreement between Nicaragua and the United States on the question of PASSPORT VISAS AND FEES, the said agreement is to be understood as follows: that the Government of the United States discontinues the collection of the fee of ten dollars which is now levied on non-immigrant Nicaraguan citizens for the visaing of their passports or for the formalities in connection therewith, but will continue (in view of the special immigration problem which confronts it) its practice of requiring Nicaraguan citizens visiting the United States to present their passports visaed without paying any fee, and the Government of Nicaragua will cease to require American citizens of the same classes desiring to visit Nicaragua to present visaed passports.

Hoping that this modification will meet the desires of Your Excellency and with assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration, I subscribe myself your very humble and obedient servant.

J. A. URTECHO